unstable areas of Raniganj Coalfield;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the cost involved in tackling the problems thereof;

(c) the steps taken to implement the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d). An apex Monitoring Committee constituted by Coal Indian Limited, consisting of District Magistrate, Burdwan, A. D. M., Asansol, local MPs and MLAs, representatives from Central Mine Planning and Design Institute, Indian School of Mines, Central Mining Research Station and Eastern Coalfields Limited headed by Shri H. B. Ghosh, Ex. Director General of Mines Sotety is studying the status of stablisation of unsafe areas in Raniganj Coalfield. Appropriate action would be taken on receipt of the report remote of the Committee.

Neyvali Lignite Corporation

5677. DR. P. VALLAL PEYUMAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made further amendments on technical and commercial points of contracts after the issuance of LOI in Neyvali Lignite Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government have waived LD clause for any contract; and

(d) if so, the number thereof and the amount involved in all the packages of TS-II Ist stage 3x213 MW?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d). The technical and commercial Parmaeters of any purchase contract and the determination of L. D. fall within the exclusive purview of Neyvali Lignite Corporation; the rol of the Government being confined to obtaining release of foreign exchange and assisting the undertaking in obtaining other statutory clearances, as may be required.

Alleged Malpractices in Neyveli Lignite Corporation

5678. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the reported malpractices in purchase of spare parts by the Transport Department of Neyveli Lignite Corporation;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) the details of spare parts purchased by that Department during January 1990 to December 31, 1991;

(d) the amount involved in the purchase;

(e) whether any malpractices were found in disposal of old spare parts by the department of NLC; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). In January, 1991 a reference was received in the Ministry of Coal alleging, inter-alia, malpractices in the purchase of spare parts in the transport division of Neyveli Lignite Corporation. NLC management was asked to enquire into the matter. A fact finding Committee was formed by NLC for the purpose. The Committee could not come to any conclusion as to any ostensible malpractices as alleged.